**Construction of Dams in Jharkhand**

2422. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are planning to construct some dams in Jharkhand on Damodar river to complete the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) project of constructing eight dams which should resolve the perennial problems of floods in the lower basin *i.e.*, Hooghly and Howrah districts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) and (b) 'A request was received in Central Water Commission from the Chairman Damodar Valley Corporation to take up pre-feasibility studies for Balpahari, Bokaro and Burmo Dams in Damodar Basin for tackling the flood problems in the lower basins. Central Water Commission has prepared an estimate amounting to Rs. 4.00 crore for taking up investigation work of these projects as a deposit work and has sent it to DVC in July, 2001. DVC has agreed in principle to this estimate.

**Target for irrigation of land**

†2423. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to achieve the target fixed for irrigation of land in the country;

(b) if so, the target fixed by Government for irrigation of land in terms of hectare in the country;

(c) the area of land in the country likely to be brought under the irrigated sector by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the final time-period fixed for achieving the target ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.